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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK SSP CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC,

1:07-cv-03878 (NRB)

Plaintiff,

Affirmation of Richard C. Yeskoo

- against -

MANDALA, LLC, HAROUST, LLC, HAMILTON GRANGE, LLC, ARABARA, LLC and 316 SECOND AVENUE, LLC,

Defendants.

RICHARD C. YESKOO, an attorney duly admitted to practice law in the State of New York, affirms under penalty of perjury as follows:

- 1. I am a member of Yeskoo Hogan & Tamlyn, LLP, attorneys for plaintiff.
 - 2. Annexed hereto are excerpts from the deposition of Richard Kaplin.

Dated: August 11, 2008

EXHIBIT 1



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SSP CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC, Plaintiff,

-against-

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MANDALA, LLC, HAROUST, LLC, HAMILTON GRANGE, LLC and 316 SECOND AVENUE, LLC,

Defendants.

April 9, 2008 2:12 p.m.

Deposition of RICHARD KAPLIN, ESQ., held at the offices of KAPLIN, DICONZA, Larocca, Dicunto & Kaplin, LLP, 478 Bay Ridge Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, pursuant to Notice, before Stephen Kleinman, a Notary Public within and for the State of New York.



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before?

1	R. Kaplin, Esq.
2	A. I recognize the name SSP Capital
3	Partners, LLC. I couldn't tell you whether I saw
4	this particular document before or other
5	correspondence from them.
6	Q. This document contemplates a loan from
7	SSP Capital Partners to various corporations
8	listed on the first page.
9	Were you aware of a proposed loan?
10	A. Yes.
11	Q. Okay. Can you tell me what legal
12	services, if any you, provided with respect to
13	that loan?
14	A. Mr. Denderian had contacted me in and
15	around this time, inquiring whether another of my
16	clients that he had borrowed money from before and
17	for whom I had acted as lender's attorney would be
18	interested in loaning him money. I contacted my
19	client and found out that he was not interested in
20	giving Mr. Denderian or his companies another
21	mortgage. Mr. Denderian then asked me if I know
22	anyone else that might. I did contact another
23	potential lender for him.
24	In and around at that time, Mr.
25	Denderian had various conversations with that

1	R. Kaplin, Esq.
2	other potential lender about whether or not they
3	would loan him money and under what terms. There
4	were a variety of properties involved.
5	During the course of that process, Mr.
6	Denderian asked me if I would represent him if any
7	of these loans went to a closing, because his
8	usual attorney by the name of Sam Ofsevit was ill,
9	I believe was ill and he was not able to represent
10	him and he would need to close quickly on one of
11	the potential loans that he was analyzing. I
12	advised him that I would represent him at the
13	closing if he did close.
14	Q. Did you in fact represent him at a
15	closing of a loan?
16	A. Did I?
17	Q. Yes.
18	A. No.
19	Q. Do you know why the loan from SSP
20	Capital Partners did not close?
21	A. I know that Mr. Denderian, at that
22	point in time, was shopping for a variety of
23	different loans. He viewed the loan from SSP that
24	was being proposed to him as a very expensive
25	loan, very high rate interest, very high cost and

1	R. Kaplin, Esq.
2	he was at that point in time shopping around for
3	financing. This was one of the potential choices
4	that he had.
5	Q. Were you provided with a set of
6	closing documents for the SSP loan?
7	A. I may have been sent an email by the
8	attorney for SSP in connection with a potential
9	closing.
10	Q. Okay. Did you review the closing
11	documents for the SSP loan?
12	A. No, I didn't
13	Q. I have no further questions. Thank
14	you.
15	MR. SUCHER: Thank you.
16	(Time noted: 2:17 p.m.)
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19	AICHARD PAPLIN, ESQ.
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21	Subscribed and sworn to before me
22	this $\frac{24}{\text{day of }}$ day of $\frac{1}{\text{day of }}$, 2008.
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